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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 through 1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed in the attached form PTO-1449 to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and be formally made of record in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Claim 5/Reason 1/Citations 1-3

In accomplishing audio recognition through the use of a skeletal conduction microphone and speaker, as referred to in Citation 1, combining the "point of making the object of recognition to be sounds produced within the oral cavity" as referred to in Citation 2, with the "point of attaching the control device (corresponding to the "main body processor" of Claim 5 of the present application) in a position removed from that of the input processor", as referred to in Citation 3, is something which could be easily conceived by one skilled in the same technology sector as that belonging to Citations 1-3.

Reference Citation List

1. Microfilm of Japanese Utility Model Application
Sho 58-23304
(Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Sho 59-130141)
2. Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication Hei 5-333894
3. Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication Hei 10-268894

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication Hei 2-92140
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication Sho 61-128700
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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication 2000-196782

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1. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14

Reason 1

Citations 1-3

In accomplishing audio recognition by using a bone conduction microphone, and bone conduction speakers, as referred to in Citation 1; the cumulative application of "the point of making the recognition object to be sound produced within the mouth", as referred to in Citation 2 and the "point of accomplishing a determinative input relative to the recognition results" could be easily accomplished by one skilled in the Art by the identical nature of the technology sectors belonging to Citations 1-3.

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